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 For: REFRIGERANT PIPE WASHING METHOD, AIR CONDITIONER UPDATING
 METHOD, AND AIR CONDITIONER

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
 WITH PETITION FOR ACCEPTANCE THEREOF**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

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